
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2022-A-0047

CAPTION: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Laurel Oaks Behavioral Health Center

PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR §§ 1304 and 1702.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA or the Agency) has a minimum need to provide psychiatric residential treatment services for children under the care of CFSA and their families. The period of performance shall be from November 29, 2021 through March 28, 2021 with up to four, one year option periods. The Contractor shall provide the youth an opportunity to live in the community and learn and practice skills in preparation for successful adult independence.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE: Current estimate NTE \$250,000.00

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

CFSA requires an emergency, sole source contract with Laurel Oaks Behavioral Health Center, which is a PRTF located in Dothan, Alabama. The contract is needed for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PRTF) for one youth, who is currently detained at DC's Youth Service Center (YSC).

CFSA referred the client to more than 20 similar facilities and the client was denied admission to all but two facilities (Laurel Oaks and Detroit Behavioral Institute / Capstone Academy). No responses were received from additional four referrals.

Of the two program acceptances, Detroit Behavioral Institute Capstone is not accepting out-of-state referrals at the present time. Laurel Oaks is the only program that has accepted the client, can meet her needs, and can admit DC youth.

The recommendation is supported by the client's clinical team. YSC is not equipped to provide long-term treatment as is provided by Laurel Oaks

Medicaid and Non-Medicaid facilities that have been explored for Client.

KIDSPEACE: Denied; All programs

The Bradley Center: Denied

Lava Heights Academy: Denied

Hallmark Youth: Denied

Coastal Harbor Treatment: Denied

Devereux Georgia: Denied

Gulf Coast Treatment Center: Denied

Millcreek: Denied

Hermitage Hall: Denied

New Hope Carolinas, INC: Denied

RTC Resources: Denied

Acquisition Corp: Denied

Laurel Heights: Denied

Diamond Ranch: Denied

Falcon Ridge Ranch: Denied

Lakeland: Denied

Columbus Denied

Mingus Mountain: Denied

Albion: Denied

Clarinda: Denied

Hillcrest Campus: Denied

Woodward Academy: Denied

Detroit Behavioral Institute: not accepting out-of-state referrals

Laurel Oaks - ACCEPTED

Laurel Oaks Behavioral Health Center operates a residential treatment center (RTC) for children and teens, males ages 10 to 18 and females ages 12 to 18. Four separate living units, organized by age and gender, are housed within our RTC, each with their own living areas and dedicated staff including the clinical director/therapist, unit director, and mental health technicians.

While all youth served in this program have at least one primary psychiatric diagnosis, many at Laurel Oaks have several psychiatric disorders as well as other challenges such as intellectual disability, physical or sexual abuse, neglect victimization and/or co-occurring medical conditions.

Laurel Oaks has served many of these children or adolescents that have histories of serious high-risk behaviors such as suicidal ideation, self-harm, assaultive behavior and running away.

Laurel Oaks is able to serve many children and adolescents who have been denied admission by other facilities or did not achieve success with treatment in other settings.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of the District to proceed with acquiring the services from the above referenced provider. Failure to secure this care poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of this youth.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Robert L. Matthews
Director
Child and Family Services Agency

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

6. I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

Date